

REYNOLDS' NEWSPAPER.

For 40 Years It Has Advocated Democratic Institutions in Monarchical England.

American readers who have been edified by the late G. W. M. Reynolds' highly sensational historical novels have had no difficulty in detecting the author's bitter hatred of monarchical institutions and the vices and abuses fostered by a hereditary aristocracy. His warm sympathy for the common people is no less apparent. Reynolds' intense radicalism was far in advance of his time, and his courage was equal to his zeal.

It required no small amount of pluck to establish a frankly democratic newspaper in England 45 years ago, as Reynolds did. The press at that time was all on the side of the aristocracy and the capitalists, and the outspoken democracy of Reynolds' Newspaper was regarded highly as a revolutionary and even revolutionary. Like many of his novels, Mr. Reynolds' journal created a tremendous sensation. As Mr. W. M. Thompson, the present editor, says: "Most people were horribly shocked by the bold, plain speaking of our paper. Those were



W. M. THOMPSON.

the days when trades unions were illegal and only a small part of the population was enfranchised. However, the shock given to the easy going bourgeois gave the paper a reputation which it has never lost. Mrs. Grundy tried to make us out 'horrid,' but our columns are cleaner than most of the journals patronized by that pharisaical dame."

Reynolds' Newspaper soon gained a hold on the affections of the workingmen, which it still retains. The paper has a worldwide circulation, and although it is little known in this country it is largely read in the British colonies and has an immense following in England. It unquestionably exercises a large influence on public opinion, and Sir Charles Dilke once remarked that he received his political education from Reynolds'. Mr. Reynolds always had a passion for exposing the shortcomings and misdeeds of the members of the royal family, and the paper still continues the practice. Upon the death of its founder the paper passed into the hands of Mr. Reynolds' brother, Edward, who carried on its publication until his death a short time ago.

Mr. W. M. Thompson, the present editor of Reynolds' Newspaper, is a young Irish barrister who served his newspaper apprenticeship on the Londonderry Chronicle. He was subsequently the correspondent in Ireland of the London Standard and for a number of years has been a hard worker, both in London journalism and at the bar. Mr. Thompson is an extreme Radical and has been called "a kind of attorney general for the working classes."

C. P. HUNTINGTON'S MAUSOLEUM.

It Cost \$250,000, and Its Lightest Stone Weighs Sixteen Tons.

Collis P. Huntington, the great railroad magnate and multimillionaire, is completing a massive palace of stone near New York at an expense of \$250,000. It is 42 feet long, 28 feet wide and 24 feet high, and there isn't a stone used in its construction that weighs less than 10 tons. The floor is a single 40-ton stone, which extends 16 feet under ground. Mr. Huntington will not occupy the palace until he dies, for the reason that the palace is a mausoleum. It stands upon the crest of Chapel Hill, in Woodlawn cemetery, has been five years in building and is said to be the most expensive and massive tomb ever erected in America. The gates are of bronze, the interior is of Italian marble, and there are 16 catacombs. The architecture is that of a Roman temple of the Doric style, and over the door is the single word, "Huntington."

From the roadway to the door of the mausoleum is 50 feet of solid rock, each of the massive steps leading to the tomb being hewn from a single ponderous piece of granite. Woodlawn cemetery is the most important modern burial place in New York city. It is north of the Harlem and about 13 miles from city hall and has an area of 890 acres. There are over 100 imposing mausoleums, occupied and unoccu-



THE HUNTINGTON MAUSOLEUM.

pled, and among the well known people buried in the cemetery are Admiral Farragut, Jay Gould, Daniel B. Fayerweather, Dr. Leopold Damrosch, Dr. Howard Crosby, Frank Leslie and others. The cemetery is at present the fashionable burial place of New York millionaires, and the Vanderbilts, Sloanes, Flaglers and others have purchased lots.

Collis P. Huntington was born in Haverhill, Conn., 78 years ago and began earning his own living at the age of 14. In 1849 Huntington went to California and opened a hardware store in a tent in Sacramento. In 1860 Leland Stanford, Charles Crocker, C. P. Huntington and Mark Hopkins organized the Central Pacific railroad, which they built with the potent aid of congress. Huntington has since become one of the leading railway magnates of the country and is president of the Southern Pacific railway. He has a granite palace on Fifth avenue, New York, recently completed, but says he will not live in it.

These Girls Earn Their Pin Money. The girls of Gilliam county, Or., make considerable pin money by poisoning coyotes and collecting the bounty on the scalps.

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"THE BARD OF SHANTY HILL."

Her Name Is Kelly, and She Is Trying to Break Into Congress.

There are many queer characters in congress, and another one is endeavoring to break in. Her name is Mrs. Sarah Kelly, and she is known far and near as "The Bard of Shanty Hill." Mrs. Kelly desires the Republican nomination to fill the vacancy caused in the Pennsylvania delegation by the death of Myron B. Wright of the Fifteenth district, which includes Honesdale, her home. As a political schemer Mrs. Kelly should take high rank. She is everybody's friend and is pulling more wires than can easily be counted. She does not pretend to be a particularly ardent Republican, but she desires the Republican nomination for the very good and sufficient reason that the Republicans have a majority in the district. As to principle, she thinks there is very little difference in the great political parties.

She wears a white ribbon as a feeler for the Prohibition vote and makes a bid for the liquor vote by declaring for a lower license fee. She is a German, as her maiden name, Sarah Ulrich, shows, and from this fact she expects the German vote. She married a gallant Irishman known as "California" Kelly, and consequently has high hopes of capturing the Irish vote, and as she lost nine male relatives in the civil war and wept because she was a woman and could not fight herself she believes the Grand Army of the Republic should give her its cordial support. There are a few other strings to her political bow, among them a promised appropriation for an orphan asylum in Honesdale, but these must be omitted here, owing to lack of space.

Mrs. Kelly is an interesting personality as a politician, but she has won more fame as a bard. She has written her autobiography in rhyme and has dashed off impassioned verses on the silver question and other inspiring things. In mourning the man she wishes to succeed she sweetly sings:

"The people are mourning a statesman today. Congressman Wright hath indeed passed away. The man who was always a kind in his time Was going to vote for the just bills of mine."

Mrs. Kelly has two reasons for desiring to go to congress. She desires to be made national poetess and to receive a pension as a soldier's widow. If she gets to congress, she will be a candidate for president in 1896, she declares, with Governor Flower or Senator John Sherman as her running mate.

"WE FIGHTS MIT SIGEL."

The General Is Seventy Years Old and Still In Good Health.

General Franz Sigel, one of the rapidly lessening number of prominent survivors of the great civil war, recently celebrated his seventieth birthday at his home in Morrisania, N. Y. He is in excellent health for one of his advanced years, and although no longer an active factor in political affairs he is still very much interested in the adopted country for which he so gallantly fought. He was born in Sinsheim, Baden, Nov. 18, 1824, received a military education and took such an active part in the German revolution of 1848 and 1849 that he was compelled to flee the country.

In 1859 he came to the United States and began teaching in a private school in New York. Five years later he located in St. Louis, where he married the daughter of Rudolf Dalton and became intimately associated with Carl Schurz and Joseph Pulitzer. Like Schurz, Sigel was loyal to the Union when the war began. St. Louis was a Confederate rallying ground for troops, and Sigel promptly organized a regiment of loyal infantry and two batteries of artillery and offered his services to General Fremont, Federal commander of the department. He assisted in capturing the St. Louis arsenal from the Confederates and broke up Camp Jackson, their headquarters.

Although he was very much in earnest, he and his German troops caused the first laugh of the war. When asked who they were fighting for, his raw recruits replied, "We fights mit Sigel," and the expression



GENERAL FRANZ SIGEL.

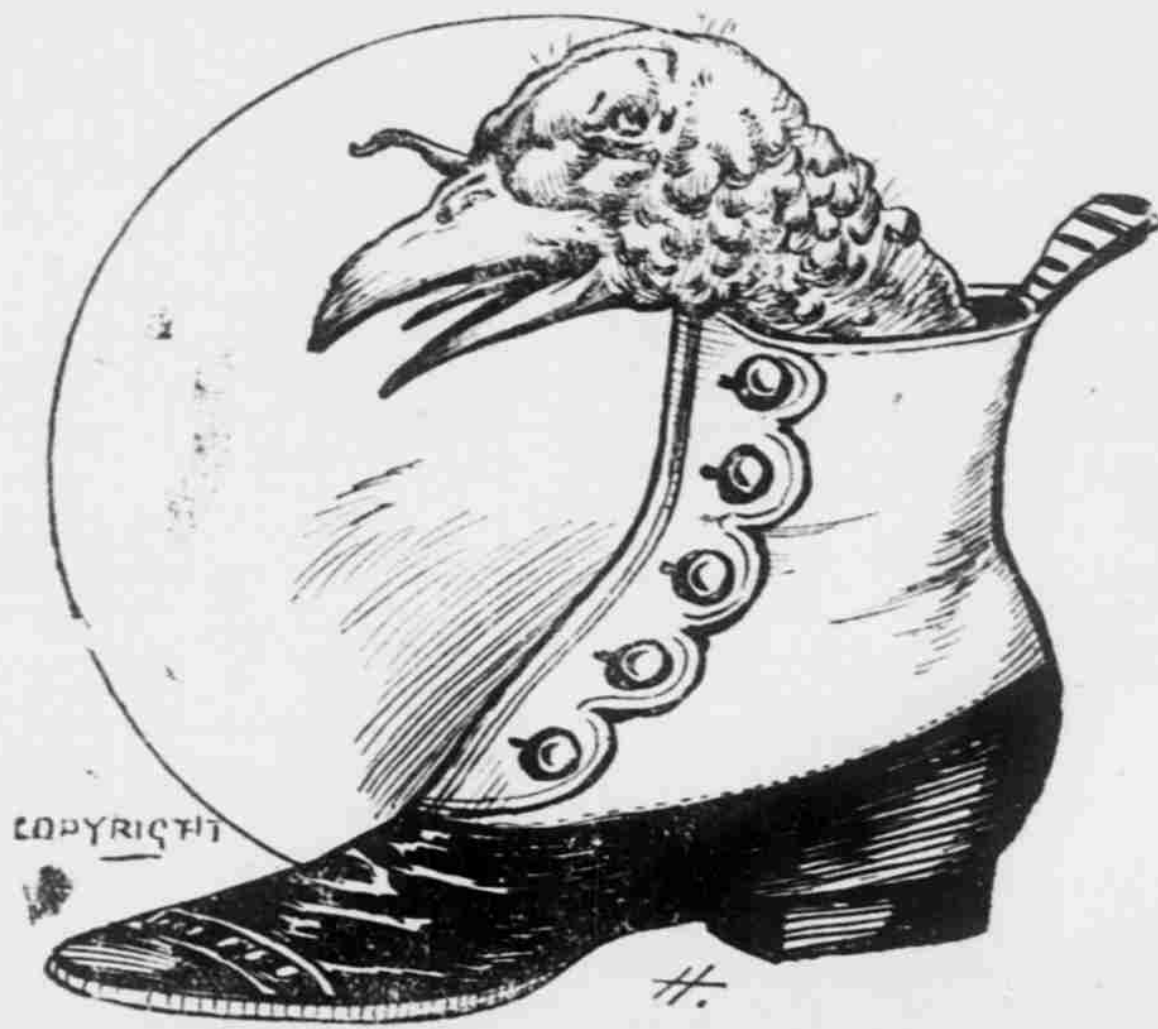
"I fights mit Sigel, und I drinks mit you" caused a roar of laughter throughout the north. They were good soldiers, however, and they and their little commander made it very warm for the Missouri Confederates. Sterling Price was driven into Arkansas, but at Carthage Sigel was forced to retreat before superior numbers. This he did with masterly skill, saving his army. At the battle of Wilson's Creek the death of General Lyon placed Sigel in command, and another masterly retreat again saved the Union army from rout.

For this work Sigel was made a brigadier general. He commanded two divisions at the battle of Pea Ridge, was credited with the victory gained by the Federal troops and was made a major general. He served under Pope in the Virginia campaign and fought gallantly at the second Bull Run. During Early's raid in 1864 he defended Maryland Heights with 4,000 men against 16,000. Since the war he has held several political offices.

A House of Gingerbread.

During the German emperor's visit to Thurn he received a deputation of the confectioners of the town dressed in picturesque costumes, who presented him with a house made of gingerbread, which was so heavy that it had to be carried by four men. The house is 4 feet high and 7 feet wide and weighed three hundredweight. The walls, roof and windows are entirely of gingerbread and sugar, and the emperor was so delighted with his present that he at once ordered it to be sent to his sons at Potsdam.

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